

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

STATE/TRIBAL GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the Northwest Band of the Shoshoni Nation resides within the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, this tribal government occupies a unique place in our federal system of government, possessing certain inherent sovereign powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the unique status of Indian tribes in our federal system is recognized in Article 21, Section 19, of the Idaho Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes and respects the authority, rights, and sovereignty of tribal governments and endeavors to promote cooperation and good relations with the Indian tribes residing within its borders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the State of Idaho's policy of cooperation with tribal governments and its commitment to maintaining a government-to-government relationship with tribal governments, and I further direct that this policy shall guide state agencies and departments in all interactions with tribal governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

BEN YSURSA SECRETARY OF STATE